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PAYROLL BULLETIN  
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TO: All State Agencies, Departments, Boards, Commissions  
and Universities

SUBJECT: Repeal of FICA Sick Pay Exclusion

Federal legislation has passed and is awaiting the President's signature which provides that payments for personal illness or accidental disability will be subject to Social Security taxes. Please be advised that, for any payroll paid in calendar year 1982, even though the wages were earned prior to 1982, you must not deduct any sick pay payments from the gross wages on which Social Security Contributions are computed. For non-tape vouchering agencies, this will be accomplished by not entering sick pay amounts in boxes 85 and 86 of the payroll voucher. For those agencies submitting magnetic tape payroll vouchers, no amounts may be entered in tape positions 788 through 794.

While we anticipate final passage of the Federal legislation eliminating the FICA sick pay exclusion, you should continue to maintain documentation to identify sick pay for personal illness or accidental disability until further notice, in the unlikely event that the FICA sick pay exclusion is restored. Also, please note that the elimination of the FICA sick pay exclusion does not affect your duty to maintain employee attendance records supporting FICA exclusions in calendar year 1981 for the prescribed 4½ year period.

If you have any questions regarding this payroll bulletin, please contact Mr. Daniel Steven. Mr. Steven's telephone number is (217)782-4758.

Sincerely,

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Director - State Accounting